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FOR SCHAUFLE FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR

SUBJECT: ANGOLA: HOLDING LINE AGAINST MPLA RECOGNITION

REF: STATE 303313

1. WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THAT WHILE EPMG FAVORS MPLA, WE DOUBT THAT IT WILL MAKE ANY MOVE IN THAT DIRECTION AT LEAST UNTIL JANUARY OAU MEETINGS (ADDIS 14830) BECAUSE EPMG IS HOST COUNTRY. NONETHELESS WE FELT IT WOULD BE USEFUL ONCE AGAIN TO REITERATE OUR FEELINGS ON RECOGNITION. ACCORDINGLY, DURING CALL AT MOFA DEC 27, DCM GAVE PERMSEC GETACHEW KIBRET COPY OF HIGHLIGHTS OF SECRETARY'S DECEMBER 23, 1975, PRESS CONFERENCE AND RESTATED OUR BELIEF THAT RECOGNITION OF MPLA AS SOLE FACTION IN ANGOLA WILL ONLY EXACERBATE SITUATION THERE. HE FURTHER NOTED THAT RECOGNITION WOULD HARDEN MPLA RESOLVE NOT TO NEGOTIATE WITH FNLA/UNITA AND WOULD MAKE CEASE-FIRE AND PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT MORE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN. GETACHEW NODDED BUT MADE NO COMMENT AS IS HIS WONT.

2. I MEANWHILE HAVE SENT COPIES OF SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE TO PMAC CHAIRMAN TEFERI BANTE AND FONMIN KIFLE WODAJO UNDER COVER OF INFORMAL NOTE FROM ME. EMBASSY HAS ALSO SENT COPIES TO OAU AND TO ALL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS LOCATED IN ADDIS. I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE (ADDIS 14659) THAT FOLLOW-UP

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MESSAGE TO SECRETARY'S LETTER OF NOV 20 TO OAU SEC GEN ETEKI

WOULD BE HELPFUL.

3. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR ETHIOPIAN POSITION AS BEST WE CAN
AND BE PREPARED TO TAKE FURTHER ACTION IF EPMG APPEARS TO BE
WAVERING BEFORE OAU MEETING. GREATEST DANGER AT MOMENT MIGHT ARISE
IF BANDWAGON EFFECT DEVELOPS BEFORE JANUARY MEETINGS, SINCE EPMG SOME
TIME AGO TOLD US IT WOULD NOT HOLD OUT IN FACE OF STRONG
AFRICAN SUPPORT FOR MPLA.
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